GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FEE STRUCTURE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has no control over the fee structure of high-level educational institutions like IITs, IIMs, AIEEE and Medical;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the Government has made any arrangement for providing free education to the children of Below Poverty Line (BPL) category in such institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): The Institutes of Technology Act, 1961,empowers the Council of Indian Institutes of Technology(IITs), headed by Minister of Human Resource Development, to decide matters common to all the IITs including revision of fee structure. The Boards of Governors, of the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), who are empowered to fix the fees under their respective Memoranda of Association,have decided to increase the fees for the Post- Graduate Programme (PGP) from the academic years of 2008-10.However, the IIM Review Committee, under the Chairmanship of Shri R.C. Bhargava, have submitted an Interim Report on 4th April, 2008 to the Government to ask all the Institutes to defer any increase in fee and keep it at the level of December, 2007 till such time as the Committee submits its Final Report. The Ministry of Health & Family have informed that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, with a view to check capitation fee and profiteering in medical institutions, had given directions to the State Governments to constitute Fee Structuring Committee as per the scheme evolved by the Hon'ble Court. The fees so fixed by such Committees are to be charged from the students by the colleges for the period as may be fixed by the Committees from time to time. AIEEE, ie, All India Engineering/Architecture Entrance Examination, is not an Institution.

(c) to (e): The Institutes provide merit-cum-means/ need-based scholarships, endowment scholarships, etc. to the students. Also, bank loans are arranged for the needy students.